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All-day kindergarten OK'd Board also supports middle school proposal

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Following what administrators called "a really productive discussion," the Granite City School Board voted Tuesday to approve proposals for a middle school program, all-day kindergarten and turning the district's learning centers into multi-media centers.

All of the proposals could be effective in the 1994-95 school year. The middle school program would move the sixth grade classes from the elementary schools to the current junior high schools, creating middle schools with sixth, seventh and eighth grade classes.

According to the administration, studies have shown middle schools are "one of the most dynamic ways to improve performance



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of early adolescent students." The moving of sixth grade classes would also ease classroom crowding at some of the elementary schools, the proposal said.

All-day kindergarten has "proven very suc-

cessful in every district currently using it," according to the proposal, and would bring the district more than \$200,000 per year in additional state aid.

The learning-center change would replace the nine grade-school learning center teachers with professional multi-media aides who would be supervised and assisted by teacher trainers.

The proposal calls for classroom teachers, trained by the teachers and assisted by the aides, to use the media center facilities, including the computers, in conjunction with standard lesson plans.

Superintendent Steve Balen said that, under what is known as the "Central City Ruling," all of the proposals are considered negotiable under the employees collective

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Police presence curbs street crowds

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Venice Police Chief James Bennett said the aldermen were right — as long as there is a police officer on Baucum Avenue, crowds of people don't congregate on the street.

At the May 18 City Council meeting, Bennett was ordered to do "whatever is necessary and spend whatever is necessary" to clean up Baucum Avenue, formerly Weaver Street.

The aldermen said that would mean having an officer there 24 hours a day because, Alderman John Ervin said, "The other fellows are there 24 hours a day."

Bennett said he doesn't mind taking "hits" from the aldermen about Baucum Avenue because there is "no doubt this is a real problem."

But Bennett said he believes the vast majority of troublemakers there are "kids and two-bit criminals" who only need to be chased away.

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EPA rethinking cleanup plan

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency may reconsider its plans for a \$35 million Superfund cleanup of lead contamination here.

According to Steve Siegel, EPA attorney for the Taracorp/NL Industries Superfund site, there is currently discussion about reopening the EPA's Record of Decision for the Taracorp site. A Record of Decision is the legal document establishing the scope and method for a Superfund cleanup.

The Taracorp Record of Decision calls for removal of the top six inches of soil in a large area of Granite City, Madison, Venice and Eagle Park and adding that contaminated soil to a lead scrap pile at 15th and State streets.

The plan has been challenged in federal court by a group of industries identified by the EPA as potentially responsible parties and, separately, by the city of Granite City.

Granite City Alderman Craig Tarporff, who chairs the city's citizen advisory group for the cleanup, has long argued that the EPA's Record of Decision did not address concerns and information raised during the

public comment period and "did not consider any scientific data in conflict with their own opinions."

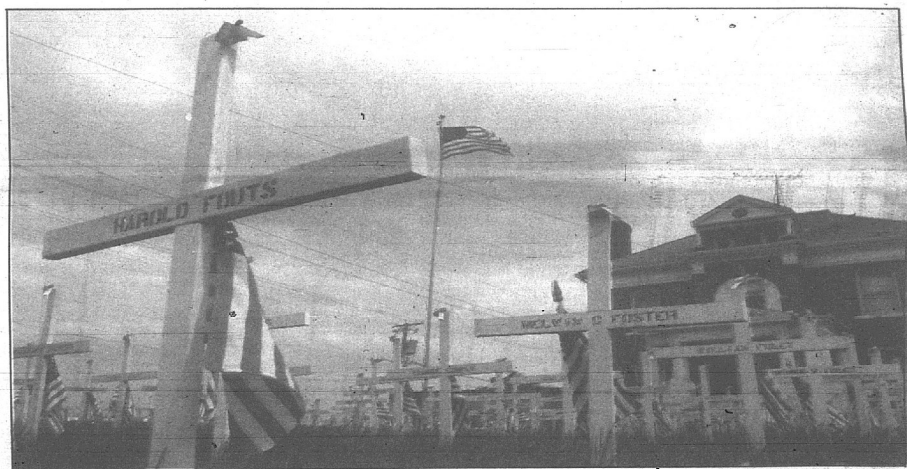
Tarporff and the city have charged that the EPA's plans are too concerned with cleaning up residential yards, where the level of lead contamination cannot be scientifically proven to pose a health threat, and not concerned enough with the contaminated scrap pile, viewed by the city as a potential threat to public health.

Ed Fitzhenry, the attorney representing Granite City in the suit, said the EPA has offered to reopen the Record of Decision for the Taracorp site but that a specific proposal has not yet been presented.

Siegel said reopening the Record of Decision would require another public comment period similar to the comment period that preceded the current Record of Decision.

Fitzhenry said the city has some reservations about reopening the Record of Decision because the city wants to make sure that, if it is done, the EPA's public comment process is "a meaningful process, with comments and evidence viewed in a meaningful way (and) not just (the EPA) fulfilling a legal

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Remembrance — Six hundred decorated crosses cover the front lawn of Venetian American Legion Post 307 at 740 Broadway, Venice. The crosses represent war dead from Madison and Venice.

from the Spanish-American War to the present. Memorial services will be held there at 11 a.m. Monday. Coffee and doughnuts will be available at 10:30 a.m.

Organ donations encouraged

The St. Elizabeth Medical Center Auxiliary has launched a special project to address the need for organ and tissue donations.

The program is titled "A Celebration of Life" and it includes a 15-minute video describing the lives of five organ recipients.

"The goal of the program is to encourage discussion and understanding of the vital need for organ donors," a spokesman said.

More than 26,000 people in the United States currently await a transplant and someone new is added to the transplant waiting list every 30 minutes.

The video takes a positive approach to this topic and is targeted to an audience varying in age and ethnic background.

To schedule a viewing of the video for a group or organization or to obtain more information, persons may call Elizabeth Briggs at 798-3760 (at SEMC) or 931-2940 (at home).

Sneezers brace as mold count rises

If sneezing attacks are sneaking up on you, take what comfort you can in knowing you're not alone.

Because of a wet spring, mold counts are moderately high and have the potential of going much higher.

"Right now the mold count is 3,700, which is moderately high," allergist Dr. Barry Zeffren said.

When mold counts reach the 500 to 1,000 range, people who are allergic to mold can begin to show symptoms such as sneezing, itchy nose, eyes and throat, runny nose and allergy-triggered asthma, according to Zeffren.

The good news is cooler-than-normal

temperatures have helped hold mold counts down.

"This spring it had the potential to be really high, and could have jumped off the board, but it hasn't been warm and humid," Zeffren said.

The bad news is grasses have started pollinating, complicating things for allergy-prone people. "Grass pollination goes into June, and mold season lasts until the first hard frost in fall," Zeffren, who has offices in Glen Carbon, Alton and Granite City, said.

If you're one of the unfortunate folks bothered by molds and pollens, close the windows and turn on your air conditioner to

filter the air, Zeffren recommended. And use what medication you've been prescribed by your physician.

"There are a few good over-the-counter antihistamines, but you should consult with your physician to make sure they don't interact with other medications you take or medical conditions you might have," Zeffren said.

If such strategies don't do the trick, you might consider an allergist.

"Those are the people who end up in our office," Zeffren said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Haine pleased as stalker bill advances

SPRINGFIELD — Legislation intended to make it easier for prosecutors to stop stalkers has been sent to Gov. Jim Edgar.

The House Wednesday, on a 115-0 vote, concurred with changes made in the bill by the Senate.

The legislation was sought by county prosecutors, including Madison County State's Attorney William Haine, who testified for it before a Senate committee.

Haine said Wednesday the changes would allow his office to prosecute offenders whose conduct is not overt enough to merit charges under the current stalking law.

Haine said he has been able to use the

current law in only one case, but knows of several cases in which the new legislation could help protect stalking victims.

Haine cited the example of an older adult who has been repeatedly following a 12-year-old girl to her home and school in Collinsville but cannot be prosecuted under current law because no direct threats have been made.

Under the new legislation, however, charges could be brought against a person who follows someone on two separate occasions to a school, vehicle, place of employment or residence, and places the victim in fear of bodily harm, sexual assault or confinement.

"I'm sick of the arrogance of these guys," Haine said. The threat of prosecution under the new legislation could force some offenders to change their behavior and leave victims alone, he said.

Haine said his office helps obtain 600 to 700 orders of protection a year.

The bill sent to the governor makes stalking a Class 1 felony with a maximum prison sentence of three years. It also creates a Class 3 felony of aggravated stalking, punishable by up to five years in prison, if the stalker causes bodily harm, confines or restrains the victim or violates an order of protection.

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Circuit Judge Austin A. Lewis of Madison died after he suffered a stroke at about 10 a.m. the previous day while preparing to impanel a grand jury at the courthouse in Edwardsville. He was a former state's attorney and local civic leader.

'Park smart'

Program encourages motorists to make it tough for potential car thieves

By Kevin Glenn
Correspondent

"Do you know where your car is?" That's what state and local law enforcement officials are asking this week as they begin a campaign to rouse motorists asleep at the wheel about car theft.

Dubbed "Park Smart," the program is aimed at encouraging drivers to use defensive parking strategies to discourage thieves.

"You need to take precautions you need to park smart," said Terrence Gainer, director of the Illinois State Police. Gainer, also chairman of the Illinois Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, spoke Monday at a press conference at St. Louis Downtown Park Airport.

According to a survey prepared for the prevention council, nearly 90 percent of Illinois motorists don't believe vehicle theft is a "very serious problem," Gainer said. And one out of every four drivers neglects to lock his or her unattended vehicle.

"Most people feel it's not going to happen to them," said Charles Doerr, chairman of the Illinois Anti-Car Theft Committee.

But it does happen. Statistics reported 75,542 cases in 1991, making Illinois fifth in the nation for car theft. Compared to all Illinois counties, St. Clair ranks third and Madison eighth.

The math translates to six cars stolen every day in the two-county area.

Officials in the campaign are promoting "simple defensive parking strategies" to reduce the high number of thefts.

"How many times do you go into (a store) ... and leave the car running?" Gainer said. "It only takes a few minutes to take a car."

Prevention tips included such common-sense reminders as locking all doors and closing all windows when drivers leave the vehicle, even for a minute. Other tips encourage car owners to park in well-lighted areas, to hide valuables in the car from sight, and to buy and activate a car alarm.

Doerr advised motorists on

avoiding carjackings.

"The faster you get in your car, the safer you'll be," he said. "If you're in a car, you should always be aware of their surroundings, have their key ready when approaching their car in a lot, and lock the door as soon as they enter the vehicle."

"Do not resist if you are carjacked," Doerr said. "Your car can be replaced."

The program's advocates said they hope their advice will decrease the number of motorists "violated" by thieves and make for safer neighborhoods. Proposed changes in drivers' behavior would also result in lower auto insurance premiums in the future.

But drivers aren't the only ones targeted in the law enforcement's call to action. Gainer said more people need to alert police of suspicious behavior around cars and tripped anti-theft devices.

"When you hear an alarm, pick up the phone," he said. "We don't mind being notified to start preventing some of these thefts."



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Nice wheels — Captain Dave Ruebhausen drives a 1987 Chevrolet Corvette convertible that was confiscated last summer under drug forfeiture laws. The car made its first public appearance at the Shrine Circus parade Wednesday night.

Sister protests man's sentencing

Authorities whisked a 24-year-old East St. Louis woman from a crowded courtroom to a jail cell when she ignored warnings to control her behavior after her brother was sentenced for murder.

Veronica Yates was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor, about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, just minutes after her 20-year-old brother, Jeffery Yates, was sentenced to 70 years in prison for the murder of an 85-year-old Edwardsville woman.

"They framed him," Veronica Yates yelled as her relatives struggled to remove her from the courtroom. "My brother did not kill that woman. Everybody knows that. The judge knows that. He was framed."

Jeffery Yates was convicted in February of first-degree murder in the shooting death of Elizabeth Kirts.

Kirts lived alone in her apartment on 30 Devon Court, a floor above Yates' mother, Billie Yates. She was shot through the heart during a burglary Nov. 8, 1991.

Sheriff's deputies warned Veronica Yates that she could be arrested for disorderly conduct while she was still inside the courtroom. As she was pulled into the hall, she began struggling with authorities.

"Come on, arrest me," she said. "Lock me up with him. Come on, I'll go to jail."

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said he was shocked by Veronica Yates' behavior.

"Someone ought to nominate her for best-sopping actress," Haine said. "That was quite a performance."

Assistant State's Attorney Robert Trone asked Madison County Chief Criminal Judge Edward C. Ferguson to sentence Yates to natural life in prison. Yates' attorney, Rand Hale, recommended a 20-year sentence.

First-degree murder is punishable by a sentence of 20 to 60 years, but Ferguson said he extended the sentence to 70 because Kirts was more than 60 years of age.

Yates was also sentenced to 20 years for home invasion and 20 years for residential burglary. Those sentences will run concurrently.

"Mrs. Kirts did not deserve the fate that was given to her," Ferguson said before he read his verdict. "I don't believe this murder was intentional. It appears to be a burglary gone bad. The shooting was obviously an attempt to keep her quiet. Her age made her vulnerable."

Friends and relatives took the stand to speak on Yates' behalf before he was sentenced.

"I had a prophecy two weeks before Kirts was killed," one friend testified. "I saw Jeffery being framed and accused of something he did not do. I told him to get out of East St. Louis. I told him he would be set up. Now God will have to prove Jeffery innocent."

Yates' mother, who has lost four of her seven children, said she believed in the prophecy. "But right now the truth I'm asking Ferguson if he could serve time in prison instead of his son."

"Someone is going to pay for this someday," he said. "Jeffery is innocent and he's serving time for someone out there. I would like to serve the balance of his days."

Ferguson said he could not base his sentence on the prophecy.

"If the truth will reveal itself someday, that's fine," he said. "But right now the truth I'm dealing with is the 12 jurors who found (Yates) guilty. They found that he was involved in the beating and shooting of this woman."

Yates had testified that he had never been inside Kirts' apartment, although his fingerprints were positively identified on two jewelry boxes in the victim's bedroom.

From the Alton Telegraph

Filming to begin on Sims' movie

The cameras are about to roll on the story of infant murderer Paula Sims and her tales of baby-abducting masked intruders.

The two-hour movie, expected to hit the airwaves in October, is based on the best-seller "Precious Victims," written by former Madison County State's Attorney Don Weber and reporter Charles Bosworth Jr.

Weber, who as an assistant state's attorney prosecuted Sims in 1990 for the murder of her 6-week-old daughter Heather, said the movie is expected to be true to the book, but a few additions may catch the viewers off guard.

"The screenplay is very true to the book. It follows the facts," Weber said. "But I just found out they added a few things Paula told me after the verdict."

They changed the ending after Paula basically told the public about our conversation after the verdict was in. What she said to me wasn't the whole truth, but it's interesting."

Weber appeared to be referring to Sims' confession that she drowned Heather and her first-born, Lorelei, in 1986. A second book on the Sims Case, Audrey Becker's "Dying Dreams," details

Sims' confession and attributes the murders to postpartum depression. Becker's book is generally more sympathetic towards Sims' plight.

But Weber said he does not foresee competing movies on the Sims case like those that aired about Amy Fisher, a New Jersey teenager involved in a sex scandal and attempted murder of her alleged lover's wife.

Weber said he doubts a screenplay will be written based on Becker's book. "I don't think it will be done. I don't think (Becker) knows the whole story," Weber said. "At least she didn't write the book like she did."

Becker could not be reached for comment. The television movie will feature Park Overall, co-star of the NBC comedy "Empty Nest," as Sims, according to Deborah Dalton, who wrote the screenplay and is an associate producer for the movie.

"We have several characters. We're trying to paint the full picture," Dalton said. "Sims is serving life in prison without a chance for parole. She is in the Dwight State Correctional Center for Women."

From the Alton Telegraph

21-year reprieve from justice ends

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

A former Belleville man's 21-year reprieve from St. Clair County justice ended last week when he was returned to Belleville to be sentenced for an armed robbery he committed in 1972.

Michael John Froscello, 47, has spent nearly half his life on the run after being convicted of robbing Moser's Market on April 15, 1972.

He was finally brought back to Illinois May 22 after serving time in a Connecticut prison.

Froscello, who was 27 at the time, entered the courtroom armed with a sawed-off shotgun and wearing a stocking mask while his co-defendant took \$70 from two store clerks.

The co-defendant, 21-year-old Michael McGinnis, pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced in January 1973 to four years in prison by former Circuit Judge Harold O. Farmer.

McGinnis was paroled in 1979. Moser's, which formerly stood on the corner of East 'A' and Walnut streets in Belleville, closed in 1978.

Froscello was found guilty in a bench trial before Judge Joseph Cunningham, now an Illinois

Supreme Court justice, and was to be sentenced in early 1973, but did not appear. A bench warrant was issued in February 1973.

Capt. James Lay of the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department said Froscello was on the department's first "10-Most Wanted" list in 1988 and the hunt became a personal challenge.

He sent Froscello's fingerprints to the FBI and learned that Froscello had been arrested in Connecticut a couple of times since he disappeared from Belleville.

Lay contacted the Jewett City, Conn., department and learned that their police chief knew the suspect. However, a few months went by before Lay heard anything else, he said.

He later learned Froscello was in a Connecticut prison, but the facility released him and let him "slip through the cracks" before notifying St. Clair County, Lay said.

"A lot of these cases happen"

where you find someone 20 or 30 years later and they have led a model life so they get off easy, but this guy was arrested several times. He owes Illinois some years," Lay said.

Circuit Judge Michael O'Malley set Froscello's sentencing for 10 a.m. July 1. Bond was set at \$100,000.

State's Attorney Bob Haida said Froscello will get to choose what law to be sentenced under because his crime occurred in 1972 and sentencing guidelines changed in January 1973.

Under the 1972 law, the minimum sentence was five years, but was reduced to a minimum of four years in 1973. Even more stringent laws, with a sentence from six to 30 years for armed robbery, are in effect now, he said.

"There's no way he can be sentenced under that (new) law. And under the old law, he cannot get probation for armed robbery," Haida said.

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"The aldermen are right — as long as my officer is there we don't have problems," Bennett said.

"They're also right that it's costing them money for overtime."

Bennett said he has not been able to have an officer on Baucum Avenue around the clock, but "I have had one there 16 to 19 hours most days."

Bennett said the department has been forced to ask the officer assigned there to work a "lot of overtime" to keep Baucum Avenue covered.

"I guess we'll keep it up as long as it's working," he said. "But I also have to make sure (no one) burns out from overtime."

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Eatery inspection plan faces hurdles

A Madison County restaurant inspector would have to be hired by each city and village in Madison County before inspecting eateries in those jurisdictions, State's Attorney Bill Haine says. County Board member Bob Stille is proposing a restaurant inspector who would be jointly employed by the county and every municipality in the county to get around a state law that requires a county health department before inspections can be carried out in cities and villages.

"We're working on a list of all the food service establishments in the county right now and getting in touch with local officials to see if they're interested or not," Stille said Monday.

After being appointed to the job of county restaurant inspector by County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer and the full County Board, the inspector would also have to be appointed by the mayor and aldermen of each municipality before being able to inspect restaurants in those cities and villages, Haine said.

Without such an arrangement, a county health inspector would have authority only over eating places in unincorporated areas, Haine said, repeating the main point of a legal opinion he issued last month.

"The only other way to handle this, as I said in my last letter,

is a duly-constituted countywide health department, which would, under the law, have the authority to inspect all restaurants in the county," Haine said Monday. Stille has said he is in favor of restaurant inspections but has said any plans for a countywide health department would have to be approved by voters.

There is little support for a health department among County Board members.

However, restaurant inspections appear more likely to receive a warmer reception, in part because of Hagnauer's support for the idea and the relatively low cost involved.

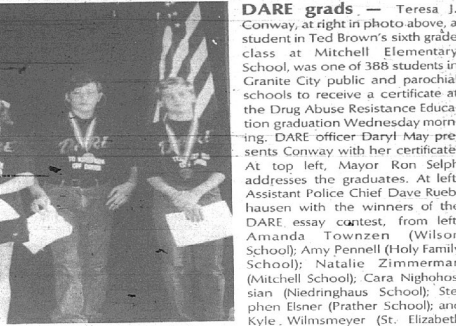
Stille said he would like to hire a restaurant inspector by Dec. 1, the beginning of the county's fiscal year.

Restaurants and other establishments serving food would be required to get a license from the county and pay an annual fee under Stille's plan, though details have yet to be worked out.

In cities and towns without their own zoning ordinances, the county automatically handles zoning questions according to county zoning rules.

State law, however, prevents the county from exercising similar authority with respect to restaurant inspections, Haine said.

From the Alton Telegraph



DARE grads — Teresa J. Conway, at right in photo above, a student in Ted Brown's sixth grade class at Mitchell Elementary School, was one of 388 students in Granite City public and parochial schools to receive a certificate at the Drug Abuse Resistance Education graduation Wednesday morning. DARE officer Daryl May presents Conway with her certificate. At top left, Mayor Ron Selph addresses the graduates. At left, Assistant Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen with the winners of the DARE essay contest, from left: Amanda Townzen (Wilson School); Amy Pennell (Holy Family School); Natalie Zimmerman (Mitchell School); Cara Nighosian (Niedringhaus School); Stephen Elsner (Prather School); and Kyle Wilmsmeyer (St. Elizabeth School). The essays were written on the theme "Taking a Stand." At bottom left, Sarah Breidenbach, right, shows off her certificate to fellow students in George Amish's sixth grade class at Niedringhaus Elementary School. From left are April Brackins, Brianna Hacke and Tahisha Hicks.

State mental health centers to be studied

SPRINGFIELD — Two agencies have agreed to let a team of out-of-state experts evaluate the state's 12 mental health centers, including the one in Alton.

The plan by the Illinois Department of Mental Health and the American Civil Liberties Union would be the first step in response to a lawsuit filed by the ACLU last August alleging the state's mental health system was in chaos and patients' civil rights were being violated by poor care.

"(The lawsuit) is not small time. This is very big, and it will change the way we do business in Illinois," Leigh Steiner, state associate director of mental health, said at a meeting Monday. "We will hopefully settle as opposed to going to court."

The three-person team was jointly proposed after each side screened potential experts suggested by the other. The team would make site visits to all 12 state hospitals, then give a report to the federal judge assigned to the case in Chicago.

Two of the three patients bringing the lawsuit, identified only by their initials, were patients at the Alton Mental Health and Developmental Center, and their alleged experiences were cited to support charges of inadequate treatment or dangerous conditions in the mental hospitals.

Benjamin Wolfe, legal director for the Illinois chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the names of the three experts were not being disclosed because they have to be approved by U.S. District Judge Brian Duff, who will meet with them in June.

The timetable for inspections and the team's report will be set later, Wolfe said.

"There has really never been a court-supervised review of these facilities," he said. "It's a totally independent process that helps to build consensus for reform."

If approved, the team will not only evaluate lawsuit allegations but look at other aspects of the system, including the adequacy

of community services. It would also make recommendations for change to the judge.

Steiner said a mental health reform plan contained in a bill before the Legislature is intended to strengthen community services with a higher staff/patient ratio and improved care in the institutions.

The plan would emphasize treating the mentally ill through day treatment and emergency shelters, and it would call for more thorough preadmission screening for state hospitals.

Steiner conceded the Alton center and its supporting community agencies in Madison County are doing much of what the department wants to promote elsewhere.

"The core services do exist in that area, and we would be looking to increase their capacity," she said.

Steiner said she anticipated the resident population at the Alton center would gradually decline under the reform plan but that the staffing level would not. Thus, the patient-staff ratio would improve.

The department's plans also call for Alton to become a regional center for forensic patients who have been charged with criminal offenses. A new 100-bed building is proposed.

The percentage of mentally ill persons admitted to Illinois state hospitals is much higher than the national average, but staffing levels are among the lowest.

Illinois ranks 44th of 50 states in what it spends per capita on treating the mentally ill.

From the Alton Telegraph

Polish chrusciki sale next Saturday

A Polish chrusciki sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 5, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 830 Reynolds St. in Madison. Chrusciki or rosettes will be available at \$3 per plate. Please call ahead at 876-5860.



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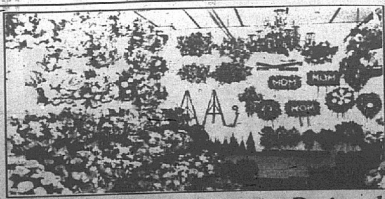
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Opinion

Treated discourteously at office

TO THE EDITOR:

Having to go to the Granite City office of the Department of Employment for any reason can be a humiliating experience. It shouldn't be — for anyone.

I have seen the employees treat clients in ways that are rude and condescending.

I, also, have experienced this treatment first-hand. My business there for the past 15 months simply required that I register with the Illinois Department of Security and to have the registration card signed and dated every three months.

The second time I tried, the employee waiting on me knew nothing of the procedure. I tried patiently to explain to her the process. Instead of asking her superior, she assumed I was wrong, told me so, and dismissed me as if I was no longer there. Embarrassed, I went home, wondering what to do.

I called the head of the office and described my treatment. She apologized for her employee's conduct, confirmed that I was correct by asking her to sign and date my card, and assured me this would not happen again because she would instruct the workers accordingly.

I was to ask for her if I ever encountered any more problems. When I returned the next day I was treated warmly by a different employee, as the previous lady obviously avoided me.

Nine months passed with a visit to this office at three-month intervals without incident.

The two people who waited on me during these months were kind and helpful. In fact, one even referred me to a friend of his at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville who could help me with professional advice.

Upon my next and most recent visit last week, I asked a lady to sign and date my card. Noticing her confusion, I began to explain what it was for, etc.

Interrupting my explanation, she quickly dated, initialed, and shoved the card toward me.

Because I also needed to list the last name of the counselor on the state form, I asked for the spelling of her name. This lady indignantly stated she was not required to tell me her name, and didn't.

I told her it was required every three months and that the head of the office could verify this for her. She curtly told me the head would not be there for two days — to call back then.

As the form and a copy of the signed card had to be in the mail the next day, I pleaded that this should not present any problem and that the two males who had waited on me the past six months had given me their names, which I showed to her.

These same two co-workers were within earshot.

Without giving me any direct eye contact, a non-verbal message of distrust and lack of respect, both assured her they had never initialed my card without a full interview.

They directed her to put my card in the file, I could have a seat and wait in the crowd for an "interview." Since this was going from a bad dream to a nightmare, I just asked for my card so I could go home.

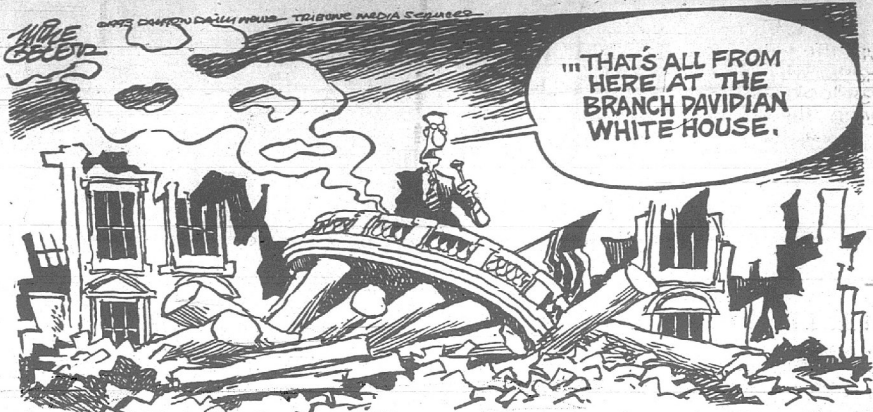
Perhaps in a unique moment of care, the employee said she would see if the office head's secretary would sign and give me her name.

She came back with it signed with the full name legibly written and a photocopy for her superior. Finally giving the card to me, she stated that I would call the director in two days so that I could learn the proper procedure.

As I was leaving, I turned and said I certainly hoped they didn't treat others as badly as they had just treated me.

The only reply was from one of the people waiting to be interviewed. He answered, "They do." How sad!

SHERY KERBER
Granite City



Red ink should cause red faces on officials at Springfield

(Alton Telegraph comment)

Illinois has set yet another record, but it is one that should bring no pride to the state.

Rather, officials should hang their heads in shame because this new high-water is set, literally, at the expense of other people.

As of last week, the state owed \$89 million to people who have already provided goods and services, to the state's own workers who have made medical claims, to school districts to cover such basics as transportation and special education, to colleges and universities for operating expenses, and to our local governments.

All of us remember the problems last year when pharmacists and others feared they might lose their businesses because of the state's slow pay. At that time, Medicaid payments were

running more than three months behind. The state's balance of overdue bills was then \$695 million.

After much, much wrangling, state officials took the advice of Comptroller Dawn Clark Latsch and borrowed millions to cut the backlog of bills. Now we learn there may be problems meeting the June deadline for repaying \$390 million.

All this comes when state revenues are increasing. Obviously, Illinois is following the spend-thrift, scattergood example of the federal government.

The questions are what can be done and who will do it.

Netech has been a champion of fiscal restraint and common-sense approaches to the state's money problems. She, however, does not set the state policy.

We should be looking to Gov. Jim Edgar to get us out of this mess. Edgar has not been up to the task before. Perhaps this time things will be different.

We hope that all of us are not in for another round of horror stories of how businesses may go under, how state employees are hounded by bill collectors, how towns cannot afford to continue even basic services.

We hope someone will show leadership and conviction.



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By T.W. MILLER



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Terry Kent Granite City
"Playing softball."



Shaun Rigby Granite City
"Spending time with my dad, hunting and playing golf."



Amanda Bettis Pontoon Beach
"The warm weather, seeing all my friends, and not having much pressure."



Penny Meyer Granite City
"Playing with my friends."

Hometown Heroes are saluted for community service

St. Louis Mayor Freeman R. Bosley Jr. will salute 25 area recipients at the third annual Hometown Heroes awards ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, at Cervantes Convention Center at America's Center.

Sponsored jointly by Hardee's Restaurants, KPLR-TV (Channel 11), and *Suburban Journals*, this community service project recognizes area residents for their outstanding volunteerism and humanitarian achievements within the community. The awards ceremony is the culmination of a month-long, nomination and selection process that fielded thousands of entries. Speakers planned for the award ceremony include, Charles Pate, director of sales and service for Hardee's Food Systems; Thomas Rice, president of *Suburban Journals*; Harold E. Potter, general manager of KPLR-TV; and Henry Givens, president of Harris-Stowe State College.

The project encouraged area residents and institutions to submit nominations of 30 words or more describing the exemplary service, dedication and achievements of local, unsung heroes. The nominees were then classified into 16 different categories ranging from animal welfare to patriotism. Selections were made based upon the quality of effort, uniqueness of distinction and demonstration of commitment.

PERSONAL BRAVERY
Robert Scarbrough, 15, from Catawissa, Mo., was riding a school bus from Northwest R-1 School District in Jefferson County when it was hit head-on by a car that crossed the center line. Scarbrough managed to free himself from his seat belt and assist other injured passengers, including a 6-year-old with cerebral palsy who went into shock and became hysterical.

Deontae Beard is a 9-year-old

boy from Cahokia. Last spring, when his 2-year-old brother began to choke on a piece of meat at the dinner table, Deontae maneuvered the toddler to the floor and dislodged the meat from his throat, resuscitating his baby brother to normal breathing.

HUMAN RIGHTS
Eleven years ago, Hyman and Phyllis Eisenberg's 22-year-old son was murdered. The couple formed Parents of Murdered Children and Other Victims Support Group. Today, in its 10th year, the organization counsels people who have lost loved ones unexpectedly to murder and advises them of their rights as victims.

PUBLIC SAFETY
Six years ago, after witnessing an accident on Highway 21 in Jefferson County, Marge Schulte of Antonio, Mo., made a public plea for action. The result was called the Coalition for Highway Safety that immediately began petitioning the state to rebuild Hwy. 21. Today, construction has been completed on a portion of the highway and a plan is being considered to complete the remainder.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PREVENTION
Marvin Davis of St. Louis is a substance abuse social worker and counselor at St. Patrick's Center. In his daily routine he works with the homeless, jobless and substance abusers helping them turn their life around.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
Thomas Schuchardt of Belleville is assistant director of placement at Metropolitan Employment and Rehabilitation Service in St. Louis. He works to find jobs within the metropolitan St. Louis area for disabled individuals.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
When 75-year-old Bertha Imboden had three strokes five years ago, many thought her days helping others were numbered. Today, Bertha

continues to do volunteer work several days a week at St. Joseph's Center.

Circle of Concern is a volunteer organization in Valley Park, Mo. Its mission is to enhance the betterment of the neighborhood by helping those in need. The group is responsible for food distribution, utility assistance, providing financial aid and a myriad of other community and social services.

Dorothea Rupich serves on the board of the Normandy Area Historical Association and the Santa House. In addition, she works with international students from University of Missouri-St. Louis. Rupich is a member of the Pasadena Players, a community theater group.

ARTS & HUMANITIES
June Bosley Dabney is an educator and opera singer in St. Louis. The Sunner High School graduate is listed in the high school's Hall of Fame and the "Who's Who in Entertainment." Her autobiography is on file in the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park and in the International Music Museum in London.

Maurice Meredith is a free-lance photographer in St. Louis. His work, including photos of Nelson Mandela, was on exhibit at the Missouri Botanical Garden earlier this year.

DEMONSTRATING PATRIOTISM

On the second Saturday of each month, First Lt. Floyd Jack of East St. Louis drives 450 miles round-trip to Indianapolis for a meeting of the Indiana Guard Reserve, a voluntary state militia.

EDUCATION

Eileen Wynns is employed in the financial aid department of Webster University. She has assisted numerous students to obtain the financial aid needed to attend school.

Donald Jones is associate principal at Lindbergh High School. Among his many honors are the Lindbergh Leadership Award and the Missouri Counselor Advocate of the Year. The 30-year educational veteran assumes the role of confidante, mentor and counselor.

Mary E. Kerr has been a kindergarten teacher in the Belleville School District for seven years. She received the highest recognition in the primary grade category in the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Awards and an Award of Recognition in the 1992 Kohl International Teaching Awards.

HELPING CHILDREN
Our Little Haven is a shelter for newborn to 5-year-old HIV positive and crack cocaine babies. The home is a four-year

effort of 19 individuals who joined forces to open the facility on Lindell Boulevard.

Shellee Matthias has a history of helping children. While in high school in Iowa, she was a baby sitter and worked as a resident adviser at Northeast Missouri State University. She continued her quest to work with children when she joined the Big Sisters of St. Louis program.

ANIMAL WELFARE
For the last four years, Laura Kull has volunteered her time to the Belleville Area Humane Society. Even though she works a full-time job, she donates her spare hours to the shelter where she helps clean cages, answers the telephone and provides general assistance.

HEALTH CARE
Elizabeth Connor, a nurse in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City, has received praise for the care and support she displays to the patients and families brought to the hospital for treatment.

HANDICAPPED SUPPORT
For 30 years Charles Lash has been caring for his disabled wife who has multiple sclerosis. Not only does he care for his wife and their household, but his generosity is extended to a neighbor whose foot was

amputated.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS
Shirley Kent serves as chairwoman for the Heritage Recycling Committee, guided by the First Methodist Church in St. Charles with its recycling project.

SENIOR CITIZEN ASSISTANCE

Ten years ago Richard Nolan began volunteering his services as a tax counselor. He is a retired electrical engineer who dedicates his time to assist senior citizens with the preparation of their state and federal income tax filings.

Juan White is a mailman in Richmond Heights, Mo. One of his routes in the area includes a block with mostly elderly and disabled residents. To these residents White is more than a mailman, he is a special kind of friend.

HONESTY

Flo Trotter once found a purse in the middle of the street while waiting for the bus to go to her church in Kinloch, Mo., where she works as a janitor. When she made it to work, she called the owner several times. After finally getting in touch with the 69-year-old woman who lost the purse, Trotter walked a

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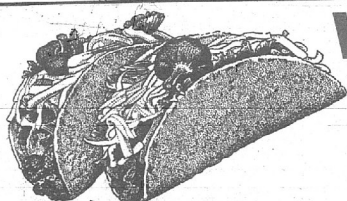
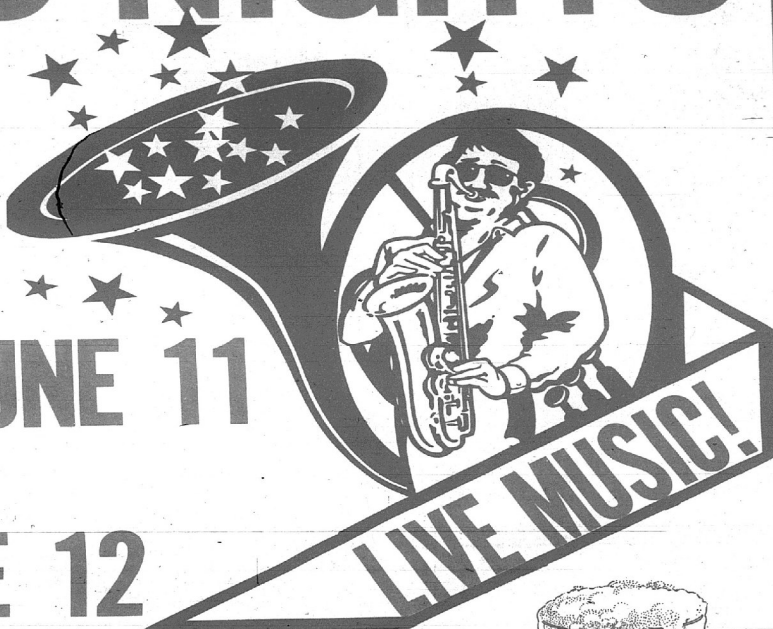
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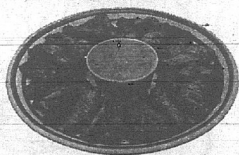


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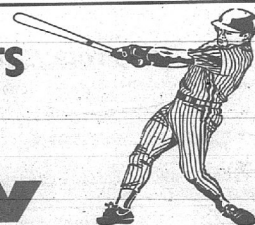
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Talent — The Granite City High School cafeteria was the scene of a talent show and display on May 10. In top left photo, Pam Dubinick, a teacher at Wilson School, belts out a tune. Below left, Jonathan Weiss, a Wilson School sixth grader, looks at a model of the Lincoln Memorial made by Frohardt School students. At right, Jenny Flood shows off her Statue of Liberty costume with teacher Terry Lignoul of the Mitchell Learning Center.

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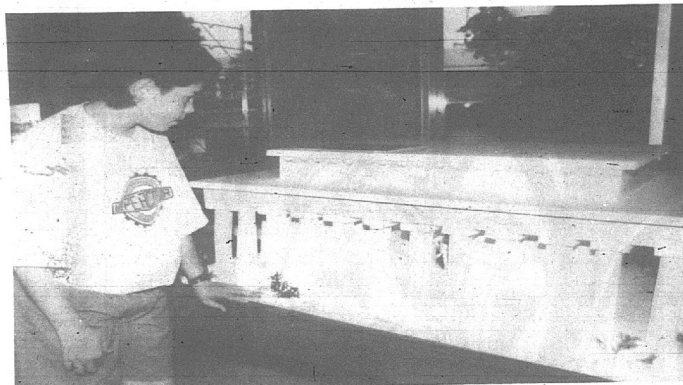
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PAM DOEFKURD)

Humane Society officers elected

New Madison County Humane Society officers were elected for 1993-94 term.

Tamara Atchley is the new president and Justine Watts is the new vice president. Cindy Kuschel was again elected treasurer and Shelly Kohlenberg the returning secretary. Other new board members are Pam Liles and Julie Lemm and Jantien Grgurich.

Returning board members include Dot and Bobby Cathey of Granite City, Kathy Myers, Sherri Vaughn, Kathy Carrillo and Jacque Piepert.



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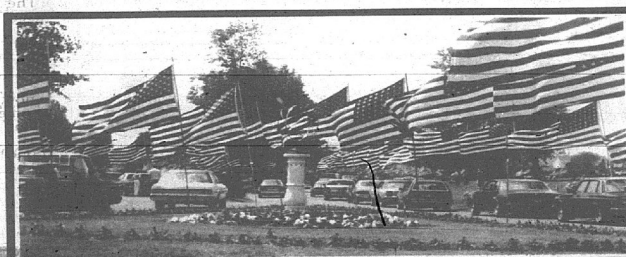
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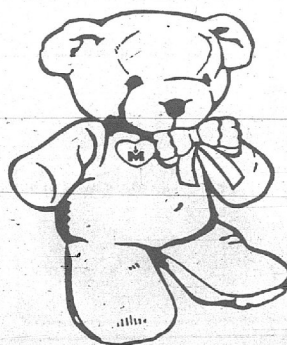
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SUUE failing disabled, study finds

Hundreds of changes — spelled out in a report of nearly 180 pages — are needed to bring Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville buildings into compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

IMPACT Inc. of Alton, in cooperation with New Horizons, an organization of students with disabilities, examined buildings at SUUE's main campus, the SUU School of Dental Medicine in Alton and the SUUE East St. Louis Center.

The result was a report including such recommendations as providing more space between book stacks in Lovejoy Library, replacing door knobs with levers and lowering some pay telephones and water fountains.

Elizabeth Tarpey, assistant director of SUUE's Human Relations Office and the ADA coordinator, said IMPACT conducted the study at no cost to SUUE.

"We were very appreciative of that," Tarpey said. "They have the expertise."

She said there had been no estimate of the cost of the recommendations. "Most ... require some money, and it will depend on funds being available."

Recommendations that can be implemented at little or no cost probably will be implemented faster than others, she said.

"We've encouraged (SUUE officials) that they need to talk with students with disabilities," said Cathy Contarino of IMPACT, who, along with Robert Fleming of New Horizons, did most of the review.

"The university is well aware of what needs to be done," Fleming said. "They know what the problems are. It's not just the Americans with Disabilities Act. There were laws before that. There are things that should have been done years ago."

Tarpey said there could have been violations of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the law that preceded ADA. She said the recent study was the first comprehensive compliance review since 1979.

Tarpey said she had recommended appointment of a committee that would review the survey and develop cost estimates.

From the Alton Telegraph



Recognition — Misty Risinger of Granite City, a student in the Youth Competency and Early School Leaver programs at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, presents a certificate of recognition to Ralph Turner, a prevention specialist with Coordinated Youth Services. Turner was a guest speaker at GCC.

New boat glitters with Roman motif

ALTON — Shirley LaFollette has designed the interiors of dozens of riverboats and cruise vessels, but the Alton Belle Casino II is her most glamorous project.

"It's the boat to beat," she said. "There's nothing like it out there."

LaFollette is president of Interior Design International Inc. of Seattle, hired by Argosy Co. to design the interior of the new riverboat, which was to have made its debut gaming splash Saturday.

"I think it's going to be awhile before someone else takes on an undertaking like this," she said. "I've talked to people in the (interior design) industry and I think people from all over are going to come to see it."

The interior of the \$30 million, tri-level Belle II, which is receiving its final outfitting at Mike's Marine in Hartford, features 180,000 glittering lights in a Roman motif.

G. Dan Marshall, Argosy director of investor relations, said when he toured the boat last week he flashed back to Las Vegas.

"It's just absolutely gorgeous," he said. "It's like stepping into Caesars Palace when it was brand new in the 1960s."

Former Belle Chief Operating Officer John Connors, who

resigned in January but remains a major Argosy stockholder, came up with the idea of the Roman theme design.

He called LaFollette late last summer and the two met in Las Vegas to develop the idea, she said.

Connors got his first look at the inside of the Belle II Tuesday afternoon.

"I thought it was simply breathtaking," he said. "I don't think there's anyplace like it, including the casinos in Vegas, that have taken my breath away like that."

He cited the "tremendous" job LaFollette did in mixing colors and the Roman theme into a contemporary design.

"Her work speaks for itself," he said. "The first deck of the boat features granite and marble flooring around a hand-carved 8-foot Roman sculpture. Beyond

that is a vaulted ceiling, spectacularly lighted with thousands of star fields."

A large Greek key chandelier covers the full length of the second deck, and star burst chandeliers help light the third deck.

"I'm working with a couple of other boats, and some want a touch of this type of lighting, but nothing like the Alton Belle," LaFollette said. "It is unique to cruise vessels and riverboats."

It took more than two months just to do the creative and technical drawings for the Belle II, she said.

Bronze statues, paintings and hand-carved crystal panels by Austrian glass engraver Felix Moslein can be found throughout the boat. Cabinets at the bars, cages and redemption centers incorporate modern finishes with Roman motifs and historic art.

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Wednesday — Breakfast: Cereal, juice; lunch: Hot dog on bun, baked beans, peach cobbler.
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Both awards are for 1992. Pontoon Title Company, 2145 Pontoon Road in Granite City, offers both title insurance policies and local real estate closings in Granite City.

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State evaluates Colonial Care

Colonial Care Center has just completed an inspection of Care with the State of Illinois.

The home was surveyed from April 20 through April 30 and evaluated on its nursing care, restorative nursing, physical therapy, social, activity, and fitness programs.

A final score of 99.3 was given to Colonial Care Center by the state, which is the highest it has ever received, ranking it No. 1 not only in Granite City, also the entire region.

On May 4, Charlie's Restaurant catered a luncheon for all shifts to honor the employees for their work.

Colonial Care Center wishes to thank all of its dedicated employees, relatives and volunteers who worked so hard to make this achievement possible.



Mello Gianino
Gianino honored for truck sales

Mello Gianino of Bob Brockland Pontiac-GMC Inc. in Fairmont City has achieved the professional member qualification level in the 1992 GMC Truck "5-Star Performers" Sales Master program — an annual retail truck sales and training recognition activity designed to improve the performance of dealership sales personnel.

Gianino sold 71 trucks in 1992 and earned 448 points to qualify for the professional member award level.

As a program qualifier, Gianino will receive a custom-designed award package and will be invited to attend a local honors banquet.

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Should you own or rent a home?

The decision on whether to own or rent a home really boils down to three issues: cost, investment, and your own personal choice.

With the current soft housing market in this area, combined with historically low interest rates, today's home buyers are in ideal conditions.

However, this soft housing market has created a glut of unsold homes. This in turn has forced many sellers to rent their property.

A general guideline for calculating housing affordability is that a family can afford a home that is at most two-and-a-half times their annual gross income.

Thus, a family with an income of \$50,000 should be able to afford a house costing about \$125,000.

On a cash flow basis, forgetting taxes, one can rent for about half the cost of buying. Homeowners can still deduct mortgage interest and most property taxes.

When making a decision on whether to buy or rent a home, one can simply compare the numbers by using the following short form:

1. Write down the purchase price and financing terms for the home. Include the down payment, closing costs, and any points.



Brian Mulhall

2. Estimate the gross monthly costs as a homeowner, including utilities, maintenance, and repairs.

3. Calculate the net monthly outlay. This is computed by taking into consideration any tax savings received by deducting mortgage interest and property taxes.

4. Project what the proceeds would be after selling the property in five, 10 or 20 years.

5. Calculate the total rent outlay for the same period. Also, if one invests the money spent on a down payment, closing costs, and points, what would the return be after five, 10 or 20 years? Total this figure.

6. Compare the two sets of figures. Finally, one also needs to put a price on the emotional factor to home ownership versus renting.

Seminar announcement
I will be hosting two retirement planning seminars at the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens Center.

The dates are Monday, June 21, and Thursday, June 24, at 7 p.m. both days.

Each seminar will last one hour and cover the same material, so you need attend only one of these events.

The seminar is academic in nature and will focus on utilizing financial retirement planning tips regardless of one's age. For more information or to reserve seats, call 931-7338.

Brian Mulhall of Granite City is associated with a St. Louis-based financial services company.

ATMs at Wal-Mart
Wal-Mart shoppers in nine states will soon be able to get cash as well as merchandise in over 150 stores, under an agreement announced recently by Boatmen's Bancshares.

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We're Sorry!

On page 9 of this week's Summer Living Sale circular, we advertised the Just Toys Mini Wet Slide for \$5.99. Upon examination, we found them to be defective. Therefore, we are substituting the Just Toys Sponge Blaster, reg. \$2.99, for a sale price of \$5.99.

Also, on page 10, we advertised the Lawn-Boy 21" 2-in-1 Deck Self-Propelled 4 1/2 hp mower (model 10302) for \$289.99. Due to higher than expected customer demand, quantities may vary by store. We regret we will be unable to issue rain checks.

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Bridal showers held; seniors get grants

Kathy Dohall covers the Madison scene for the Press-Record/Journal.

A bridal shower honoring Delores Stinac was held recently at Englebert Hall in Madison. She is a former Madison resident and the daughter of Rudy and Helen Stinac.

The hall was decorated using a Hawaiian theme. A floral demonstration was given by Debby Reid and her daughter Danielle. Games were played and a buffet luncheon was served.

Those attending were Irene Brown, mother of the groom; Helen Stinac, mother of the bride; Hilda Trendle; Delores Monning; Eric and Lonna Lammer; Sandra and Harry Brown; Debby and Danielle Reid; Carolyn Hoerr; Joan Harris; Pam Grawlin; Lucille Broadway; Paula and Anber Ballew; Veronica Nizinski; Karen Puszek; Helen Loftus; Tom Stinac; Hazel Scherrills; Mary Urban; Judy Bucatch; Kathy and Shawn Molerus; Frances Janik; Angela Grupus; Patricia Loftus; Eva Majkut; Dorothy Serwacka; Dee Anna Spudich; Manie Docter; Jamie Bucatch; Violet Stintz; Elsie Miosky; Amy and Matt Ohlendorf; Connie Grupus; Betty



Kathy Dohall

Bucatch; Jenny Dyjeski; Jim Brown; Beth Scherrills; Christine and Dimana Spudich; and Patricia Scherrills.

Delores will be married to James Brown at Saints Mary and Joseph Church in St. Louis.

The annual May Fun Night of the Madison Mineva Reading Club was held at the Old Peking Restaurant in Collinsville. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual grant to graduating seniors from Madison High School. This year's recipients were Michael Ferguson and Eric Kary.

Dinner was served and games were played. Members present were Mary Moore, Velda Taylor, Karen Finkbe, Louise Kern, Lucille Podnar, Donna Davis, and Irene Orr. Guests included the grant recipients, Adell Ferguson, Don Kary, Angela

Hamm, Alan Lewis, Mary Malter, Judy Zeisset, and Charlie Hackett.

A bridal shower was held May 2 at the home of Laura Sipes in Madison in honor of Tina Dew. The shower was hosted by her bridal party: Sherri Reed, Lisa Bush, and Gidget Crundwell. Games were played and prizes awarded.

Refreshments were served to Eva Thorpe, Tracy Shubert, Wendy King, Sheila Dew, Nancy Bridges, Mary Domanski, Shirley Cerny, Kathy Dohall, Rosa Shubert, Linda Dohall, Beverly Hodge, Brida Smith, and Elizabeth Cerny.

Tina became the bride of Matthew Crundwell at 5 p.m. May 22 at St. John Lutheran Church in Granite City. A reception followed at the Granite City American Legion.

The Old Times Sake group met for dinner at Brenda's Steakhouse recently. Attending were Kathy Dohall, Pat Scherrills, Pat Lalich, Connie Grupus, Gerry Mendez, Mary Firtes, and Betty Bucatch.



Madison Senior Citizens' President Dorothy Vasileff, left, crowns Zella Scroggins "Queen for a Day" at the group's May meeting.

Madison Senior Citizens group meets

The Madison Senior Citizens group opened its May meeting with chaplain Francis Baker leading the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Alga Yurko read the minutes and Mary Harvac gave the treasurer's report.

Zella Scroggins was named mother of the day and awarded a monetary prize. She was crowned "Queen for a Day" by president Dorothy Vasileff.

The meeting was attended by 47 members and catered by Lee's Chicken. Following lunch, the afternoon was spent playing bingo.

Graduates from Patricia Stevens College

Allison Whitmer of Granite City recently graduated from Patricia Stevens College in St. Louis. She majored in the management support program.

The graduation took place March 20 in a baccalaureate ceremony at the Centenary Methodist Church in downtown St. Louis. A reception honoring the graduates was held immediately following the ceremony at the college's St. Louis Union Station campus.

Patricia Stevens College offers one-year diploma and 18-month associate degree programs in fashion merchandising, interior

decorating, customer service business, customer service travel, and administrative assistant. Allison's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Whitmer of Granite City.

Still time to register at BAC

There still is time to register for summer classes at Belleville Area College's three campuses in Belleville, Granite City and Red Bud.

Openings still exist in all subject areas at the Belleville and Granite City campuses. At the Red Bud Campus, there are openings in every class except the class for Nurse's Assistants. Students may register for summer classes until Friday, June 4. The first day of classes is Monday, June 7. Students may register late the week of June 7 to 11 if they obtain the proper authorization.

Registration times at the three campuses are as follows:

•Belleville: In-person registration — 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Thursday; telephone registration, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday; telephone registration — 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday.

•Granite City: In-person and telephone registration — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday.

•Red Bud: In-person and telephone registration — 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday.

Those registering by telephone at any of the three campuses may call 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 455 or 235-2700, Belleville; 931-0600, Granite City; and 282-6682, Red Bud.

Legion Auxiliary Patriotic Conference is held

The 65th Annual Patriotic Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Illinois, was held March 19 at the Schamburg Marriott Hotel. The meeting was conducted by Wanda V. Lovely, department president from Niles.

Opening ceremony consisted of the advancement of colors, Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the National Anthem.

Guest speaker introduced by Debbie Doerr, American Legion chairman, was Richard Mills, United States District Judge. Judge Mills spoke on "The Little Giant and the Great Emancipator," Patriots of the Illinois Prairie. He gave many anecdotes about Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas.

The next guest speaker was introduced by Patricia Krantz, National Security chairman.

Guest speaker was Capt. Eugene "Red" McDaniel of the U.S. Navy. McDaniel is an ex-POW and President/Founder of the American Defense Institute.

Linda Boone, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, from Oregon, gave an address on her three main objectives for the organization this year, including increasing membership to one million, increasing interest in the auxiliary for members and making the public aware of the programs of the auxiliary, and her special project and emphasis this year is helping the Homeless Veterans throughout the country. Boone also recalled some of her experience in visiting different departments in the U.S.

During the evening of March 19 and 20, the department Board of Directors held its spring

meeting to receive progress from the department officers and chairmen. Agnes Hartman, division president from Cahokia; Sharon Hydron, 22nd district president from Livingston; and Dorothy Hinson, past department president from Venice-Madison participated in the membership skits for the challenges.

Those attending from Venice-Madison Unit 307 were: Dorothy Hinson, Norma Hilmer, Doris Baker, and Cindy Yobbi.

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FAMILY

Junior group elects officers

Venice-Madison Unit 307, American Legion Auxiliary, Junior group met on May 10 at the Post 307 home in Venice. Lunch was served to fifteen.

Megan Miller, vice president, presided at the business meeting. Dorothy Hinson, adviser, reported on the Department Junior Conference held in Champaign on April 24 and 25. The contest entries winning first and second places will be on display at the regular department convention of the American Legion Auxiliary in Peoria in July.

Discussion was held on the 22nd District annual Mayfest at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy on Sunday, May 16. Several members plan to attend and help with the "Dollar Stand."

Elections of officers were held with the following being elected for the 1993-94 year: Chrissy Ballard, president; Rhonda Ballard, vice president; Megan Miller, secretary; Cathy Moreland, chaplain; Chelsey Peery, historian; and Jenna Miller, sergeant-at-arms. Installation will be in September.

Activities for the summer were planned. June 12 the group will participate in the Highland Parade with other Juniors from 22nd District. June 14 the group will play miniature golf. July 12, a swimming party with wiener roast is planned. In August, plans will be made later for a kickball game and barbecue.

Those attending were: Ashley Singleton, Amber Singleton, Rhonda Ballard, Chrissy Ballard, Kaleigh Peery, Chelsey Peery, Cathy Moreland, Laura Martin, Jenna Miller, Megan Miller, and Kristen Yobbi. Seniors attending were: Dorothy Hinson and Cindy Yobbi, advisers; Rose Moreland, Carla Peery, Connie Ballard, Rita Singleton, and Loretta Martin.



Pharmacy student Stephen Branding addresses the Granite City Head Start

Head Start hears from pharmacist

Poison Prevention Week was March 15-18 at the Granite City Head Start Center. During the week, Stephen Branding, a pharmacist student from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, gave a presentation on poison prevention for each of the class sessions.

He explained to the children the difference between drugs and drug look-alikes, and how never to take medication without adult supervision. He also passed out "Mr. Yuck" stickers, and showed the children how to use them. This just touches on some of the information that was shared with the children on poison prevention.

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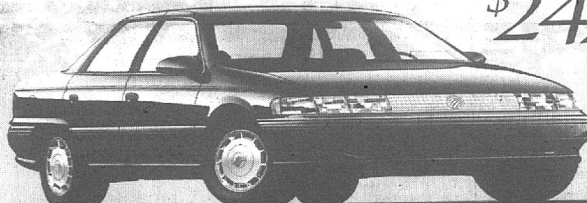
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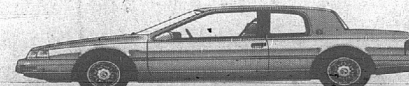


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Sports

Lady Warriors advance to sectional semifinals

Granite City kickers power way past overmatched Rochester

By Keith Farroll
Correspondent

The Lady Warrior soccer team cakewalked into the Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin Sectional semifinals with an 8-2 rout Thursday over Rochester at Benbow Park in Wood River.

Just as the Lady Warriors have done all year, they controlled the tempo at both ends of the field — keeping constant pressure on the opposing team's defense and holding off the other team's attack.

Rochester, which defeated O'Fallon 4-2 in the first round, couldn't keep up with the powerful Granite City offense. The Lady Warriors (14-3-1), who blanked Cahokia 11-0 in their opening-round win, were led by Staci Johnson's two goals. Ann Logan, Holly Farnsworth, Staci Dowdy, Christi Costello, Michelle Knox and Beth Rapoff added one goal apiece.

"WE COULDN'T contain them," said Rochester coach Andy Curtner, who coached his team to a 11-1 record. They ran our defense all over the place."

To say that Granite City ran Rochester all over the place was an understatement. The Lady Warriors' playmakers, Knox, Johnson and Farnsworth, drew defensive crowds wherever they went and set up wide open shots, especially in the first half.

The Lady Warriors put the

SACRED HEART-GRIFFIN SECTIONAL	
Semifinals	
Saturday, May 29	
Game 1: (1) Granite City vs. (6) Quincy	9:30 p.m.
Game 2: (2) Springfield vs. (4) Collinsville	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 1	
Sectional championship: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner	7 p.m.

ball in the back of the net three times in 20 attempts in the opening 40 minutes against Rochester goalkeeper Stacy Wade. Granite City coach Gene Baker said there were a couple reasons why so many of his players fanned on shots.

"THE FIELD was a little choppy and was so small," Baker said. "Everyone was on top of each other. (And) the girls just weren't talking to each other to tell them they have time (to take the shot)."

In the second half, Granite City controlled the ball from the kickoff. The Lady Warriors proved that when Costello scored on a pass from Suzanne Stuart on a corner kick in the first two minutes.

The Lady Rockets tried to get back into the game as Beth Fullgrabe rocketed a shot past goalkeeper Stephanie Kull, who couldn't catch up a shot that just made its way in the far corner of the goal from about 35 feet out.

(See LADY WARRIORS, Page 38)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Staci Johnson had two goals in Granite City's sectional win over Rochester on Thursday.

Eagles off to flying start in Mon-Clair standings

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Granite City player/manager Daren DePew has watched his team pick up where it left off last year, when the Eagles won the Mon-Clair League's playoff title with one of the strongest pitching staffs in the league.

Not only are the Eagles 4-0, they have won each game by shutout. Darin Hendrickson and Brian Harshany, Granite City's two starters, have yet to be scored upon.

In the Eagles' first game of the year, against Festus, Hendrickson threw a one-hitter for a 1-0 win in 11 innings. He carried a no-hitter into the eighth inning. In the second game of the doubleheader, Harshany gave up just four hits in a 4-0 win.

FESTUS IS in its first year with the league.

"They just came up against some pretty good pitching," DePew said. "They're going to be a little better as the year goes on."

There would not seem to be much room for improvement for the Eagles, who swept East St. Louis last weekend 2-0, 5-0. Hendrickson and Harshany once again pitched complete-game shutouts.

The Eagles are 4-0 and the only team still undefeated in the league. They are in first place in the St. Clair Division.

"The last four games have been a lot of fun," DePew said. "We have a good ballclub."

THE EAGLES have returned

most of their players from last year's title team. DePew has caught Hendrickson and Harshany. The infield features John Moad at first base, Jeff Stephens at second, Jamie Hogan at shortstop and Harshany at third when he is not pitching. Doug Duncan has spelled Harshany at third.

The outfielders have been Mike Nordstrom, Jim Stout and Tim Hogan. Other contributors have been Ryan Reeves, Jamie Needham and Mark Terrier. Duncan, of Greenville, is the only player on the team who is not from Granite City.

"We basically have the same team back," DePew said.

IT'S STILL early, but the Eagles could be on track to defend their league playoff title. Granite City, Edwardsville, Waterloo and Valmeyer have the best records thus far.

The league schedule was recently revised to reflect the loss of two teams — Brighton and Brooklyn. Both teams folded, and the league now contains 10 teams.

The absence of Brighton and Brooklyn will leave two teams idle each week. DePew said the two idle teams will simply meet to make up for the open date.

The two divisions were also realigned. The St. Clair Division is made up of Granite City, Edwardsville, East St. Louis, O'Fallon and East Alton. The Monroe Division contains Waterloo, Valmeyer, Festus, Millstadt and Sauer.

The Eagles will play a doubleheader at 1:30 p.m. today at Millstadt.

'Out with a bang' Gardner caps career with second title

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

For the second time in her track career at Madison High School, Yukeitha Gardner went out a winner when she captured the state title in the 100-meter dash last weekend at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

But this time, it is for good. As a graduating senior, Gardner leaves Madison with two state titles, eight state medals, two school records and the legacy of being the fastest Class A sprinter in the state.

"I HAVEN'T seen Yukeitha this happy in a long time," said Gene Briggs, the Madison coach who oversaw Gardner's comeback from a season full of injuries last year. "She's had this goal for what seems like forever. She's worked hard."

"From my standpoint, I don't think there's anyone better. If she would have been healthy last year, she would have won it three years in a row."

Determined to repeat the state title she won as a sophomore, Gardner was relieved to reach her long-held goal. Her performance at this year's state meet capped off a dramatic comeback and a career that ranks as one of the best in Madison's rich history.

Few athletes have accomplished what Gardner did with the Trojannes in four years. Her total of eight medals ranks

just behind the 10 earned by LaGloria Marshall. She leaves Madison with the best-ever time in the 100 meters (12.1 seconds) and the 200 (25.6).

AFTER QUALIFYING for the state meet, Gardner said she wanted to "Go out with a bang." Did she ever.

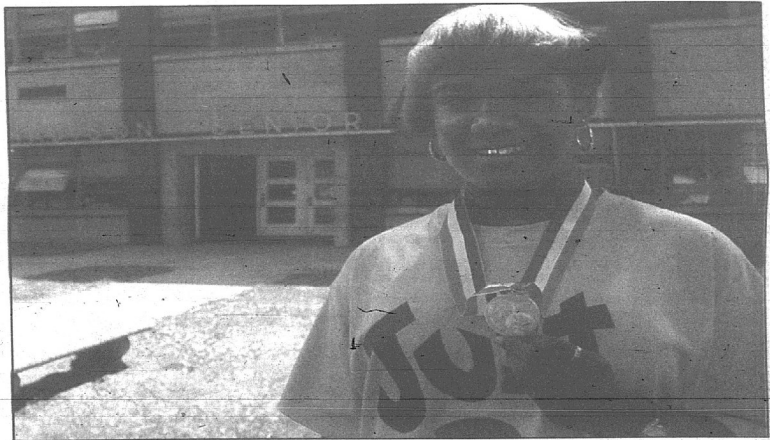
"It's something I planned to do," Gardner said. "I wanted to go out on top, and now it's over with."

Gardner's serious demeanor was reflected by her urge to recover from a back injury last year and return to the top. Her career was interrupted by a bus accident at the beginning of last season that left her with damaged vertebrae. Gardner endured several other injuries and still managed to earn two medals at state. During the offseason, Gardner trained at the YMCA in Granite City along with several teammates. The hard work she put in was evident at the beginning of this season.

"BY THE TIME track season got here, I was already in shape," Gardner said. "I couldn't do much for a long time, and it paid off when I worked out. I worked a lot on my endurance, and I decided to try it again."

"I think her comeback can be directly attributed to her workouts with the team," Briggs said. "That was a big part of it."

(See GARDNER, Page 48)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Madison High senior sprinter Yukeitha Gardner just did it when she won her second Class A state title in the 100 meters last week.

Trojan runners come up shorthanded

Season ends sooner than expected at sectional

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

When the Trojan track team entered last week's Red Bud Class A Sectional with several top seeds and times, it had the hopes of contending for its second straight sectional title.

"It looked like we were all ready to go," Madison coach Charles Steptoe said. "We thought we'd be able to make a run at defending our title."

But academic ineligibilities kept Madison's top athletes from

competing. Robert Weathers, Cartemus London and Edmund Butler, three legitimate threats to qualify for state in several events, all missed the sectional because of grades.

The Trojans wound up with just 10 team points and no state qualifiers. Staunton, which brought just a handful of athletes, won the sectional title.

The Trojans won the sectional title last year with just 13 athletes. While he looked back on the possibility of a repeat title, Steptoe wasn't complaining.

"We felt like if we would have had all of our kids, we would have been all right," Steptoe said. "If our kids would have raced, we feel they would have been able to accept the challenge. We could have racked up some points."

"We saw a possible sectional championship go down the drain, but we're not thinking about that. I'm totally behind the academic program, and I consider the season successful."

Of Madison's potential state (See TROJANS, Page 38)

Wrestling coach Steve Garland hired at West

By Scott Marlon
Staff writer

The 1993-94 wrestling season will be Steve Garland's first as head coach at Belleville West, but he brings plenty of experience to the position.

Garland, 36, spent two seasons as an assistant coach at West. He previously spent 10 years at Triad High School, including seven as head coach. He replaces John Wehmeier, who is taking over for the retiring Pete Hensel as athletic director.

"EVERY WINTER for more than 20 years, I've been on the wrestling mat in some capacity," said the 36-year-old Garland, a 1975 graduate of Granite City High School who went on to

wrestle at SIU-Edwardsville. "My mom and dad have really been supportive. I give them a tremendous amount of credit. Whether I've been competing or coaching, they're always shown up at my matches."

Garland and his wife, Connie, live in Collinsville. His brother Mike is the head wrestling coach at GCHS, another brother, Greg, is the Warriors' freshman coach. "I've had the opportunity to work with two of the best coaches in Southern Illinois — Bill Schmitt at Granite City and John Wehmeier at West," said Garland, who teaches health education. "It's ironic how things have worked out, with my brothers coaching at Granite City and me coaching here."

I consider myself a student of the sport, which is one thing I learned from Bill Schmitt. He was able to break down each move to its simplest format. "He and John are very big on teaching success. It's a philosophy they really believe in."

GARLAND'S ASSISTANT coach will be Bryan Mitchell, a longtime assistant to Wehmeier. "He does a tremendous job with the underclassmen," Garland said. "I'm expecting a nice, smooth transition."

Garland expects West to have a strong team next season. "We'll have a returning state qualifier in David Young and Jan Yates will be a junior heavyweight," Garland said. "We have a good, young nucleus."

Tournament time — Warrior pitcher Ben Hicks fires to first baseman Chad Dooley in a pickoff attempt. The Warriors were scheduled to play Jerseyville in Class AA regional action Saturday.

(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

•Trojans

(Continued from Page 1B)

qualifiers, Weathers had the most promise. He entered the sectional with the best time in the 100-meter dash among the 17-team field, 11.1 seconds, and the second best time in the 200 (22.7).

Weathers also had anchored the Trojans' 400 relay team, which had posted a time of 44.6 seconds—the best time among the sectional field. The other members of the relay were Jason Jones, William Russell and Tavares Young.

"It was kind of unfortunate for (Weathers), being a senior," Steptoe said. "He really ran well for us this year."

London and Butler could have turned in top performances in the field events and relays. Butler had a strong chance at qualifying for state in the triple jump. Steptoe said the Trojans' 800 relay time of 1:39.4 was also the best mark among the sectional teams at that event.

The Trojans' top finishers were Derek Hall, Jones and the 400 relay team of Russell, Eugene Williams, Young and Jones. The relay placed sixth in 45.5 seconds. Hall placed third in the shot put with a throw of 44.0 and Jones finished fourth in the 100 with a time of 11.6.

"Our team wasn't very big," Steptoe said. "I think the team's morale was down a little."

Steptoe said this was only the fourth or fifth time in his 25 years with Madison that the Trojans did not qualify for state in

at least one event. During his tenure, Madison has had five state champions and also finished third as a team at state in 1987.

Despite the way the season ended, Steptoe was still pleased. "We were pleased with some developments this year," Steptoe said. "We really came through with some nice achievements. He was by far the most improved guy on our team. We were happy with the improvement from Jones."

"We're hoping some of our freshmen and sophomores come back. They have some good potential."

The Trojans' top underclassmen are Harvell McDonald, Milan Jones, Byron Brown, Antonio Henderson and Cedric Richmond.

Steptoe said the team benefited from the presence of a few athletes from Venice—McDonald, Henderson, Delreese Meeks and Alonso Robinson. Steptoe's assistants were Mark Jiles, Al Collins and Reggie Young.

"We felt like the Madison-Venice connection was for real this year," Steptoe said. "Our hope is that we can build on that. We believe that maybe we can learn a little patience and put things together for next year."



Hall

Madison County Hospice slates golf tournament at Oak Brook

Hospice of Madison County will hold its seventh annual golf tournament June 3 at Oak Brook Golf Course on Fruit Road in Edwardsville.

The times begin at 8 a.m., and efforts to accommodate preferred tee times will be made. The cost is \$50 per person and includes green fees, food and prizes. There will be several contests as well.

For more information or to register, call 798-3399 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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No one person provides Hospice care. Professionals from many health care disciplines confine with volunteers to form the Hospice team. The Hospice team works closely with the

patient's physician to meet the needs of the patient and family and to provide the necessary medical and supportive care.

No family is denied services for financial reasons. The Hospice volunteer's fundraising efforts with the tournament help Hospice offset costs. The success of the golf tournament is important to Hospice for maintaining its high standards in caring for the terminally ill.

Income for the tournament comes from cash contributions, as well as registrations. Costs are offset with contributions of food, drinks, attendance prizes, and team and contest prizes. Anyone wanting to contribute or donate should call 798-3399, and arrangements will be made to have any donations picked up.

Hospice of Madison County wishes to express its deep appreciation to all the donors who have helped make past tournaments successful and looks forward to another successful day June 3.

Girls soccer

Team Leaders

Team (Record)	Goals	GFA
GRANITE CITY (14-3-1)	54	4.50
O'Fallon (8-5-1)	33	2.36
Collinsville (3-3-1)	12	1.71
Metro East Lutheran (5-9-2)	23	1.44
Alton (5-9-0)	20	1.43
Cahokia (1-8-1)	3	0.30

Team (Record)	Goals	GAA
GRANITE CITY (14-3-1)	5	0.50
O'Fallon (8-5-1)	14	1.00
Collinsville (3-3-1)	11	1.57
Metro East Lutheran (5-9-2)	37	2.21
Alton (5-9-0)	34	2.43
Cahokia (1-8-1)	31	3.10

Team	Shutouts	SO
GRANITE CITY	9	
Metro East Lutheran	6	
Alton	4	
O'Fallon	4	
Cahokia	2	

Team	Goals Scored	Goals
Player, Team		
Jolea Gress, O'Fallon	10	
Sally Gales, Metro East Lutheran	7	
Jill Heneghan, Alton	6	
Karl Kessel, GRANITE CITY	6	
LYNSY EVANS, GRANITE CITY	5	
HOLLY FARNSWORTH, GRANITE CITY	5	
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Zach Miller



Rachel Mitalovich



Nicole Borst



Lori O'Beare



Amy Thomas



Tony Evans

Coolidge Junior High names Students of Month

Several students over the past few months have been chosen as Students of the Month at Coolidge Junior High School. They are chosen by the faculty using the following criteria: academic, behavior, attendance, citizenship, and school pride. These students are rewarded

with a free pizza from Domino's and a \$10 cash reward. In addition, on a given date they are seated at a special table in the lunch room with their friends and allowed to go first in line.

February Students of the Month are: 7th grade, Zach Miller, son of Roger and Rebecca

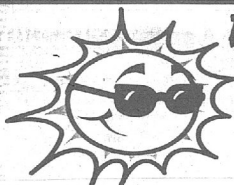
Miller; 8th grade, Rachel Mitalovich, daughter of Nick and Caroline Mitalovich. March Students of the Month are: 7th grade, Nicole Borst, daughter of James and Vicky Borst; 8th grade, Lori O'Beare, daughter of Kathy McCrary. May Students of the Month are: 7th grade, Amy Thomas, daughter of Charles and Carla Thomas; 8th grade, Tony Evans, son of Bruce and Patti Evans.

Summerstage plans rummage sale

Summerstage Inc., Granite City's community theater company, will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Summerstage Playhouse, 2906 Pershing in Granite City. Many families will be involved, so the selection will be large. There will also be a large assortment of books available for purchase.

The proceeds will be used to maintain the playhouse and to eventually raise the roof and tier seating. For information regarding the sale or to purchase tickets to any of Summerstage's productions, call the Summerstage Playhouse at 451-1032.

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2597	90 Nissan Sentra	5 Spd.	22K	Lt. Blue	\$6,995
2545	90 Chevy Beretta	A/T	31K	Black	\$8,995
2581	90 BMW 325	A/T	55K	Maroon	\$16,995
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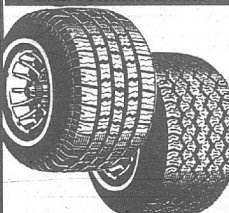
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P215/75R14	48	53	61	71
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Insect activity around the house picks up with rise in soil temperatures

As soil temperatures warm up, insect activity around the house will pick up, according to Tom Royer, Extension educator in integrated pest management. While this may delight a budding young entomologist, most people don't appreciate six-legged boarders. Ants are one of the most frequent household invaders, and they begin foraging for food to increase the size and health of their colony in the spring.

Some of the more common house-invading ants include the pavement ant, the cornfield ant and the odorous house ant. Pavement ant workers are wingless, dark brown, and measure one-eighth of an inch. Cornfield ants range in size from one-tenth to one-eighth of an inch and are dark brown to almost black. The odorous house ant is one-tenth to one-eighth of an inch long and its body color ranges from brown to black.

Ants can be controlled using several methods, but blending a good dose of patience and diligence with several methods will probably assure success. First, reduce entry points into your home by sealing and caulking cracks and crevices in the foundation. Most of these ant species

nest outside the house, so consider applying a foundation spray around the outside perimeter of the house with diazinon or chlorpyrifos.

Indoor aerosol ant and roach sprays are available and effective when used according to directions, but keep in mind that they may leave an odor, depending upon the formulation. The slow-acting child-proof baits that contain hydromethylnon or sulfluramid should provide long-term control once the infestation is reduced.

Liquid ant baits containing boric acid are effective as well. Remember, these products should be used according to the labeled directions. Ant and roach insecticides are relatively safe to use, but they ARE poisons and can cause problems to children, pets or inattentive adults when handled carelessly.

If ants are still a problem even after you have followed these guidelines, then have a pest control professional check out the problem. The ants which may be the more difficult to manage, Argentine or pharaoh, will probably require extensive baiting by an expert to achieve effective control.

African violets make ideal housed plants

By Robert J. Dingwall
Correspondent

A reader wrote to me about African violets grown in a north window that are leggy and fail to flower.

African violets make ideal house plants. With proper care they will flower year-round. They like soil high in organic matter that drains well. They like strong light, but not direct sunlight except for a short period.

They need to be fed with a liquid fertilizer every 10 days if not being grown by the wick method. In the wick method, the plants have a tiny wick from the bottom of the pot into a container that contains a weak liquid

solution of water and fertilizer, and draw this up as needed.

A healthy plant should be dark green color and leaves with short stems partially above the edge of the pot. If the leaves are lying flat on the pot, they are getting too much light. If leaves are stretching up plants are leggy, they are not getting enough light.

A north window may be alright during the summer for some plants to flower, but plants will not get sufficient light there the rest of the year. Windows facing east or west are ideal, and a south window would need a light curtain between the window and plants to prevent too much light.

African violets flower best

when grown so that they are slightly pot-bound. A 4-inch pot is ideal for most standard varieties. Miniatures may be best in 2-inch pots.

If you have grown African violets in a location where they flowered well during the winter, but did not flower in the summer, this is due to too much light in the summer. The reverse of this situation also would apply.

African violets are ideal subjects to grow under artificial light, where the temperature is 65 to 70 degrees with lights on for 16 hours each day. Plants grown this way may be alternated back and forth from a low-light area or display purposes and returned to lights when flowering starts to decrease.

Wisteria needs heavy pruning

By Robert J. Dingwall
Correspondent

Wisteria, when in full bloom, are breathtaking. They are usually very fragrant with their long trusses of flowers from white to deep purple.

Wisteria can be very invasive if not controlled. They can grow quickly to the top of trees and ruin a trellis. They need to be pruned heavily throughout the growing season.

They like a sunny location with well-drained soil high in organic matter. Plants are generally container-grown so they may be purchased in bloom. Make sure you get a plant that has started to flower.

They are grown from cuttings taken from young wood in mid-June and will root readily in a peat-perlite mix kept moderately moist.

Cuttings should be taken only from plants that are known to flower, otherwise you may grow them for a number of years with no flowering.

An excellent way to grow wisteria is to train it as a tree specimen. When planting, select a site away from trees or fence so the growing ends — if not pruned regularly — will not grow onto these types.

I purchased a container specimen two years ago. It was set out on the lawn and a sturdy metal stake inserted in the ground so it extended 6 to 7 feet above the ground. The trunk was tied securely to the stake. Side shoots were trimmed back to six to eight leaves or nodes. As the ends reached about eight to 10

inches, they were cut back.

Last year Wisteria grew well after an early feeding with superphosphate and 3 table-spoons of Epsom salts. No nitrogen was used. It flowered lightly with a few occasional blooms into mid-summer.

This spring it has more than 100 flower bud clusters that will be opening in the next few days. The top of the plant is about 4 or 5 feet across. All shoots that develop from the base to the height of 3 feet are removed as soon as possible. New shoots

already are tipped back to the length of 6 or 8 leaves. While wisteria has the strongest fragrance, but all colors are worth growing. Use wisteria as a specimen or as a vine trained on a sturdy trellis or along a stone wall.

Do you have problems with your garden or household plants? If so, direct your questions to: The Garden Spot, West County Publications, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Beetles reported feeding on wheat

(The following column is provided by Tom A. Royer, Extension educator in entomology.)

There have been several reports of cereal leaf beetle feeding on wheat, and a small number of fields in Bond and Jersey counties have been treated. The adult beetle measures three-sixteenths of an inch long and its head and wings covers metallic blue, its thorax and legs are reddish orange. It lays eggs singly or in clusters of two to four, usually near the midrib of the wheat leaves; the eggs are yellow-orange when first laid. The larva hatches and accumulates fecal material on its back as it feeds so it begins to look like a black glob, much like a slug.

The University of Illinois suggests that if you find an average of one adult or larvae per stem/flag leaf, then you should consider an insecticide treatment.

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Barbecue from a microwave snubs Memorial Day weather

By Sandra Hounsón
Home economist

Although Memorial Day traditionally begins the barbecue and public pool season, it seems the weather often rains or chills out that parade, spoiling outdoor plans.

Try your own recipe for baked beans, but shorten the time by using canned beans. Vegetable kabobs can be served as an appetizer or as a vegetable dish. If meat is part of the menu, grill choices usually are beef, pork and chicken, but turkey's popularity is increasing.

When cooking turkey in a microwave, do not use a temperature probe, because hot fat can run down into the probe and prematurely turn off the oven.

Vegetable Kabobs with Lemon Dressing are arranged with the Brussels sprouts toward the center of the plate and the longest cooking vegetables to the outside of the plate, so all vegetables get done at the same time. Recipes are adapted from "Microwave Cooking Library Series," by DeCasse Publications.

Barbecued turkey legs

- 1 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 tsp. prepared mustard
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 turkey legs

In 2-cup measure or bowl, mix barbecue sauce, mustard and lemon juice.

Allow 10 to 14 minutes per pound of meat. Place turkey legs in 8-inch square or 12-by-8-inch dish with meatiest parts to outside of dish. Brush with half the sauce. Cover tightly. Microwave on high power 5 minutes. Microwave turkey at medium (50 percent) power rest of the time.

After half the total time, turn

over meat and rearrange legs. Coat with remaining sauce and microwave second half of time, covered, on medium power until meat near bone is no longer pink and juices run clear.

Vegetable kabobs with lemon dressing

- 3 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. onion powder
- 1/4 tsp. leaf marjoram
- Pinch pepper
- 6 frozen whole Brussels sprouts (about 1 cup)
- 8 frozen whole baby carrots (about 1/2 cup)
- 8 fresh cauliflowerets in 1 inch pieces (about 1 cup)
- 1 small green bell pepper, cut in 16 chunks
- 8 (6 inch) wooden skewers
- 2 tbsp. water

In 1-cup measure or cup, blend butter, lemon juice, onion powder, marjoram and pepper. Microwave about 20 seconds on high until butter is melted and can be mixed with other ingredients.

In 1-quart casserole, combine frozen Brussels sprouts and carrots. Microwave, covered, on high power 1 1/2 to 3 minutes until defrosted. Let stand, covered, 5 minutes.

On each wooden skewer, assemble one Brussels sprout, carrot, green pepper chunk, caulifloweret and another green pepper chunk. Arrange on platter with Brussels sprouts to center. Sprinkle with water. Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on high power 3 to 5 minutes until tender-crisp, rotating platter once. Let stand, covered, 3 to 4 minutes.

Pour butter mixture over kabobs and serve hot.

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Rhubarb cake flips pink; salads in next contest

Violet Mueller, 4217 Oregon, is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Rhubarb Upside-Down Cake. For it she wins a prize of dinner certificates from the Pasta House Company.

This recipe uses strawberry gelatin for color, sweetness and flavor and a yellow cake mix for convenience.

Recipes in this month's contest will be considered as a possible winner each Wednesday. One recipe per household can be sent to: Cool and Icy Salad Recipe Contest, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Rhubarb upside-down cake

- 1 pkg. (4 serving) strawberry gelatin
- 1 pkg. (2 layer) yellow cake mix
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 cups diced rhubarb

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Sprinkle dry gelatin evenly in pan. Mix brown and granulated sugars together. Sprinkle over gelatin. Add rhubarb. Cut margarine in small pieces and sprinkle evenly over rhubarb. Prepare cake mix as directed on package. Pour batter over rhubarb. Bake in preheated oven as directed.

Cool about 10 minutes.

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Limbaugh preaches what many people want to hear

By Ian MacBryde
Correspondent

You may disagree with talk show host Rush Limbaugh, but you can't ignore him. To describe his talk show — either radio or television — as a "cult favorite" may be unfair. "Cult" implies a set of beliefs that are completely out of the mainstream. And Limbaugh's ideas — albeit well right of center — certainly command a substantial following.

Limbaugh says his radio program (broadcast locally from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday on WIBV-AM, 1260) is on 600 radio stations nationwide with a daily audience of more than 4 million. That's way too many people to be a cult.

Still, there is a depth of commitment which is, well, cultlike. His followers demonstrate a loyalty to his notions, an apparent belief in what Limbaugh espouses as his philosophy, that is startling. Lots of it. And much of it is written using the same phrases, the same ideas. It almost makes you think it was an orchestrated campaign.

For anyone who doesn't know, Limbaugh preaches "conservatism." Not George Will's witty conservatism, not William Buckley's erudition, not even John Danforth's reasoned political argument. Limbaugh's conservatism is fire-breathing, take no prisoners, anti-liberal demagoguery. And his broadcast audiences mostly love it.

Interestingly, one of the few times Limbaugh came in for criticism from his own supporters was when he apparently attacked first daughter Chelsea Clinton on her appearance. He subsequently called it a mistake and apologized. When he recent-

ly was challenged on the incident by a caller to his show he suggested that the caller "Lighten up." Maybe that was meant ironically.

Much of his presentation is anecdotal, musing, in a style somewhat reminiscent of Paul Harvey — a man about whom I always thought "You may not agree with him, but you have to admire the way he says it."

Much of Limbaugh's message is directed at the media, which he calls the "liberal media," but it is hard to think of any regular programming as reflexively leftist as he is reflexively rightist.

Limbaugh also is highly self-congratulatory, as evidenced

a recent TV program that seemed to focus almost exclusively on the huge crowds that turned out to see him at a "bake sale" in Colorado. And the crowds really were huge.

There is a question whether the Limbaugh following eventually will get bored with the unflinching sameness of the message or fed up with the bitterness of the sarcasm. He may not always be such a hot broadcast property. But the fact is, today, Rush Limbaugh says what a great many people in this country — and in this area — want to hear.

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Local band debuts new CD at Mississippi Nights Wednesday

The Metro East-based band Sable will release its first compact disc "Body Slamm'n" at an all ages release party June 3 at Mississippi Nights on Laclede's Landing in St. Louis. Doors open at 8 p.m. with special guest Ragamuffin starting at 8:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Mississippi Nights box office from band members or by

calling the Sable line at (618) 451-2535 for more information. The band includes Joe Schuster, Carl Hose, and Mike Downing of Belleville and Jeff Sable, Chris Sable and Allen Zentgraf of Granite City, and Eric James of St. Louis. And back row, Carl Hose of Belleville, Jeff Sable of Granite City and Mike Downing of Belleville.

"Body Slamm'n" will be available on compact disc, cassette and on 12-inch vinyl which features two mixes of the title cut. The effort was recorded at Ben Monroe's 48K Audio Studio and was produced by Jeff Sable and

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"It's taken many years, but I feel this CD finally has captured the true sound of Sable and is the best work we have ever done," said lead man Jeff Sable, as he refers to the progression of the band's direction and line-up. "I feel the group is at its best when performing in front of crowds, so we decided to try to catch that feeling on tape," Chris Sable said.

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"BINGO!" One word can change a lot of enter room

By Laura Telander Staff writer

"G-55."
 "Oh, I only need two more numbers to win the \$300," the player thinks quietly to herself. "But I can't say it out loud or I'll be jinxed."
 "B-10."
 Oh my gosh, I only need one more," she thinks, as her pulse begins to race. "I could buy that dress and pay off some bills. Oh please, oh please call 1-25. Please!"
 "O-43."
 "I said 1-25 not O-43. At least nobody called Bingo. Come on, come on 1-25."
 "1-24."
 "Just my luck, one away from the number I needed. Maybe I jinxed myself by just thinking I was going to win. I'll just rub my lucky Bingo Ball. Maybe that will help."

"BINGO!" screams an older man. All of the eyes in the room turn to see the man who "stole" the money.
 "Hold your cards while we check the numbers," says the caller. "Yep, that is a good Bingo. Pay that man \$500. Remember, tips are appreciated."

Another game and no bingo. But it doesn't seem to matter to those die-hard players. They just keep playing and hoping their luck will change.

Bingo has made a resurgence in recent years, with church and organization offering the game to nearby residents as a way to earn money for their groups.
 "We usually get about 400 or 500 people each time," said Edward Winkler, who is in charge of the Catholic War Veteran's Bingo. "The money is used for a lot of things including the Bishop's Christmas Dinner and the Quincy Veteran's Home."

St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises Inc., a non-profit S.V.E., has been sponsoring a weekly bingo for about 13 years.
 "We use the proceeds to keep our facility running," said Betty Brauer, co-chairman of S.A.V.E.

New types of Bingo games also have been adapted to keep the slow moving contest a little more interesting.
 "The next game is four corners plus the free space," says the caller. "No other types of bingo will be accepted."
 Others such as the "Crazy T's," "Picture Frame" or the "Letter L" also keep the game appealing and the brain ticking.

Some halls still offer the old-fashioned cards with the little kernels of corn that roll around unless laid just right.
 Some of the more modern, new fangled places have large sheets of paper with six or eight cards printed on them. "Dobbers" are used to mark the numbers called and the "cards" are drawn away after each game. The dobbers come in a variety of colors and are available at most game stores.

"Some people think of bingo as a game for senior citizens, but that simply is not true. Many younger people play weekly, hoping to increase their bank accounts."
 "We have an older crowd but we are getting some younger people too," said Cleo Heidenfelder, chairman of bingo at the VFW Post 1739.

The colder months usually bring out the most bingo players according to the experts. Most people long to get out of their house and what better way to spend an afternoon?
 "Winter is usually better because in the summer people are working in their yards and so on," Brauer said. "We usually have about 425 people each week."

Go ahead and give it a try. You may be surprised at the fun you will have. Just pick your favorite card and a little bingo is for a good cause and who knows, you may win a little money while

Summer fever leads students on the trail of spending cash

By Kelly Kribben Staff writer

Illinois students are starting to look down with the symptoms of summer fever.
 As final exams approach and classes start coming to an end, students find jobs, get a tan, and get a tan by the swimming pool.
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For some students, starting to look for a summer job is important so they can save money for college or things Mom and Dad won't buy them.
 Illinois Department of Employment Security has taken a realistic approach to helping students find jobs.

They're setting up a new program called Illinois Hire the Future.
 The program has been set up to place students in summer employment, so they have the opportunity to learn about the working world from local area businesses," said Vinita Schramm, employment security service representative for IHTE.

She said the program was designed for the one career community in conjunction with the City of Chicago and IDES.
 "The program is designed for 3,921 youths in summer jobs in the city of Chicago alone," Schramm said. Due to its success, the program expanded statewide for the first time last year.

According to representatives, its main purpose is to cultivate youth of today while they still attend school, hoping they'll grow into productive members of society.
 "The program provides an incentive to students to stay in school until they graduate and

inquire about jobs since they're preparing for final exams.
 At Belleville East, they have been offering job placement programs for about 15 years.
 "We have a guidance counselor for the school, said they offer the IHTE program as well."

"We mainly work with the IDES but if anyone in the public needs someone to work, we'll do it," said Vinita Schramm, a sophomore at Belleville East. "I'm starting as soon as I can."

Not having a particular job yet, Pardue said he's been placed in interviews for different job openings and plans on working part-time while he attends school as well as working full-time during the summer.
 "It's (IHTE) easier to help you find a job because local businesses don't really advertise to show you that they're hiring," he added. "I want to work and get money for a car or something."

Lisa Filiback, also a sophomore at Belleville East, said she is taking advantage of the program for part-time work during the school year and for the summer.
 "I'm working on a car right now and need to pay the insurance," she said. "I enjoy making money myself and not always having it given to me."

She said she likes working with the cash register and is looking for a job in retail.
 "Jobs may come up in places you never thought about applying to," she added.

4th annual Summer Concert Series set at BAC

This summer, Big Bands will be blaring and jazz will be bumping on the front lawn at Belleville East as the school begins its fourth annual Free Summer Concert Series.
 The concert series includes six programs at the Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Road, three at the Granite City Campus, 4960 Maple Road, and one at the Red Bud Campus, 500 W. South Fourth St.

Concerts are scheduled for 7 p.m. on the lawn of each campus. The concerts will be moved indoors to the campus cafeterias in the event of rain.
 "We have scheduled several evenings of quality entertainment designed for the entire family, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets and have a good time," said Patricia, director of College Activities.

The Belleville Campus concert includes:
 The Don James Band plays a mixture of easy-listening tunes, Big Band, ballroom dance, dixieland jazz and 1950s numbers. The band has been performing for 20 years.
 June 20 — The Noblemen, a 17-piece dance band composed mainly of Shriners, has performed at numerous school and club events in the Metro East. The group's repertoire features many classics of the Big Band era, including selections from Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and Jimmy Dorsey.
 June 26 — Fiddlewheel Five provides dixieland jazz flavored listening and dancing music.
 July 13 — Bob Dill and His Four of a Kind perform a variety of music ranging from Dixieland jazz to rock 'n' roll. Dill, who plays the trumpet, will perform Harry James tunes as well.
 July 20 — Skyliners, a seven-member band, performs Big Band-style music composed especially for smaller groups.
 July 27 — Terry Kider and his band, The Don James Band, can best be described as a swing

band. The music ranges from old standards to dance tunes.
 The Granite City Concerts include:
 June 27 — Country Music Machine specializes in good-old-time and traditional country and western music.
 July 18 — Fiddlewheel Five provides dixieland jazz flavored listening and dancing music.
 August 8 — Variety Men, led by Mel Berkel, the Belleville-based band plays a variety of music ranging from old standards to popular hits.

The Red Bud Campus concert is:
 July 31 — The Gordons have developed a national following with a smooth Kentucky Bluegrass. The concert series is sponsored by the local college activities. The Music Performers Trust Fund, Belleville Musicians — Local 717, and the Recording Industry of America.